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24 August 1960

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Dear [redacted] STAT

We wish to thank you for sending us a copy of your analysis, [redacted] of the STAT Soviet-released photographs of the moon and your accompanying comments. We note with interest the points you make.

The subject is a difficult one to analyze for fraud for several reasons, among which is the fact that the Soviet-released materials are degraded, by being reproductions several times removed from the originals if for no other reason. Differences in apparent position of features on different photographs conceivably could be due to a number of reasons, including different perspectives of the subject, electronic or mechanical causes.

As you know, others have expressed doubt as to the validity of the Soviet material, and there are many in the world who will continue to doubt pending evidence from other sources.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the Director

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